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# Christmas Supplement

AT THAT SEASON of the year when the calendar, if not the English climate, tells us it is high summer, a search begins in the Editorial office to find a theme for the Christmas Supplement which tradition says shall accompany your copy of the December JOURNAL. Older readers readily remember the earlier Supplements of 'before the war' that sometimes ran to as many as ninety-six quarto pages, but which today's economics have put beyond our present resources.

This year the choice of a subject appealing to a diversity of readers fell on a quaint but well-known ballad, and Barkis, then newly returned from an African journey, set off on another trail, this time leading along literary by-paths with an occasional *cul-de-sac*.

We were surprised to learn that, apart from the Scots who have their own version, there are five separate English counties each possessing their own peculiar words to fit the melody of *Green Grow the Rushes, O!* while, further afield, there are also French, Spanish and Hebrew versions.

During the song's passage down the years some of its words have become altered to the point of appearing meaningless, and for them 'B.B.' now offers a number of fascinating interpretations, backed up by reproductions from the pictures of some of the world's greatest artists.

It may well be asked what bearing the Supplement has either on Toc H or the world at large? The answer, of course, is that within the Movement we are interested in everything that goes to make up life.

In these dark and troubled times, as we approach the peak of the Christian year it is good that we should find pleasure in music and song—not 'the brave music of a distant drum', but the treasured melodies of simple people.



# TOWARDS UNITY

by BOB KNIGHT

*Southern Area Padre*

SOME MEMBERS of Toc H appreciate why there must be Churches and organisation in religion, and some (thank goodness) do not. A common ground of discussion for them all is the existence of the divisions in the Christian Church.

At Bristol, in the first week of September, a thousand young Christians came from their denominational 'dug-outs' to meet one another. Not that such a thing has never happened before. This Second British Conference of Christian Youth was another step forward by the section of the Church that the wags call "the ecumaniacs".

The ecumenical movement may be said to have emerged at Edinburgh in 1910, at a missionary conference where Neville Talbot and William Temple were two of the S.C.M. stewards. By 1938 Temple had become the undisputed leader of the movement. At Amsterdam in 1948, only four years after Temple's untimely death, the World Council of Churches was formally constituted.

## More than talk

All through the Bristol Conference I kept noticing the Toc H method. Anglicans met Salvationists and Congregationalists listened to them discuss their attitudes to Holy Communion. But they did more than talk. They worshipped together in the traditional ways of the various denominations there. Baptists said 'amen' to the prayer of a magenta-cassocked Bishop. On another morning the company of a thousand observed silence from the moment of entering the Great Hall of Bristol University at the request of the Friends who were leading prayers.

I know some exasperated Toc H members who having read so far, will want to get hold of me and ask why the dickens so much time, money and energy are required to heal divisions that we admit ought not to exist.

I will try to answer. There are thousands of Christians who feel the urgency of a deeper unity. As soon as they try to achieve it or imagine it, even the amateur theologians in

both the pulpit and the pew realise that mere uniformity would be foolish if it were possible. Every man who has found strength for his will and peace of mind in worshipping in a Church will claim that he found them because the way things were done in that Church suited his temperament—that they opened the way to God for him. If he were to agree to their alteration just for the sake of an outward unity among different Churches he would be betraying himself and everyone like himself. It is our responsibility while achieving a deeper unity to preserve what we have found of the truth. To do this will take and has taken many hours of honest thinking, worshipping and working together.

The thinking and worshipping get a fresh impetus at a 'do' like the Bristol Conference. If you have seen the film "Over the Hill" you know what work the Churches are doing together to wipe out the problem of the millions of refugee human beings, which will go down in history as the social stain of our generation.

I wonder how many of us in Toc H consider ourselves part of the ecumenical movement. We are, in the desire to meet men with other religious convictions and think fairly with them. We are, at a Branch rededication service. When we use a litany for example, we are sharing what many of us feel to be an important part of the Anglican heritage. In a period of silence we may appreciate what the Friends have always emphasised. We sing well-known hymns which have become part of our common heritage, yet which were very likely written by a Methodist or a Congregationalist. We are, in our function as a movement, on the perimeter of Church life. For we have the same spirit as the men who met in 1910 to consider the implications of believing Christ to be the Saviour of the world and the Lord of the whole of life.

I reckon most of us are with William Temple when he said, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, and sincerely regret that it does not at present exist," and if we are with him, this is one place where we must build bravely.

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Under the title, BRITISH CARIBBEAN WELFARE SERVICE, an office has been opened to take charge of the welfare of West Indians in the United Kingdom and to help, in co-operation with National organisations, to interpret life and its implications in this country to migrants. The address is: 2 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1. Telephone: Abbey 1266.

# Conversation Piece

by JACK HARRISON

ALF: *Have you read "Reveille" in the November JOURNAL?*

JIM: Yes, I think it's about time we looked at our personal responsibilities.

ALF: *Responsibilities my foot! How do they think that old Bill Sykes at the age of seventy-two can cough up a bob a week out of his old age pension?*

JIM: I don't suppose they'd expect Bill to do that.

ALF: *It says one shilling per member per week—and Bill's been a member for donkey's years—that means he's got to pay up.*

JIM: Oh, I don't think that's what they expect at all. I reckon some of us can manage the bob alright, and some of us can do a sight more—

ALF: *Go on! And what about the Branch expenses? Who's going to meet them? And the jobs—they don't get done without somebody being out of pocket.*

JIM: Well you've got something there Alf. Let's ask Fillip, he's here tonight and as he's an Area Treasurer, he ought to know.

ALF: *O.K. Hey, Fillip, come here a minute.*

FILLIP: Yes Alf, what's disturbing the peaceful serenity of that seraphic brow?

ALF: *Hey?*

JIM: We're talking about this "Reveille" article in the November JOURNAL.

FILLIP: Oh yes, I think we've got something there.

ALF: *You're another—Look, how the—beg pardon—do they expect me or old Bill to fork out a bob a week on top of our share of Branch expenses—not to mention the odd job I occasionally do?*

FILLIP: Now then Alf, ever modest and retiring. The occasional job indeed! Let's see, every Thursday isn't it, down at the Blind Club for the last ten years and every Saturday afternoon in winter refereeing for the kid's football Club. It's a wonder you've got any wind left to blow your whistle at your age.

ALF: *Aw, come off it Fillip, I think they're asking too much and anyway there's lots of others in the Branch*



*who do as much and more than me. I've heard there's your own pet job down at your Community Centre. . . .*

FILLIP: Alright, alright, Alf—Now then, have you really read "Reveille" ?

JIM: Yes—it's an unfortunate name, but we have read it.

FILLIP: Well, it only means "Wake up" and it's surely time we did that. Anyway it doesn't say anything about Old Bill having to pay a shilling a week to the Family Purse. What it does say is that the Branch as a whole ought to make it their job to see that the Branch contribution to the Family Purse is at least equal to a shilling a week from each member.

ALF: *Well there you are, that's what I said—a bob a week from each member.*

FILLIP: No Alf. I'm sorry, I led you astray there. You know there are some Branches which have made no contributions to the Family Purse for some time. There are some which have only made a token contribution of £5 or £10 when they could have done much better if they had really wanted to help the Family grow. Now the situation has become really serious and so the Area Treasurers are asking Branches to try to make a contribution equal to one shilling per week for every member of each Branch.

ALF: *There you go again—*

FILLIP: Now wait a minute Alf. This average of a shilling a week can be got by the Branch from self-assessment—that means out of your pocket and my pocket—from tax recovered on Members' Deeds of Covenant, and from special efforts which the Branch might undertake.

JIM: So the shilling a week might be made up of 6d. from my pocket and the other 6d. from special efforts ?

FILLIP: Yes, or in old Bill's case—a penny out of his pocket and 11d. out of special efforts—or maybe this odd 11d. would be made up to some extent by a member paying perhaps 2s. or 3s. a week.

ALF: *Well I think it's a lot of boloney. Who's to decide who does what ?*

FILLIP: Well that's a clear statement Alf and an equally clear question if there ever was one.

JIM: I suppose Alf means this—I'm Treasurer of the Branch, somehow or other I've got to get this con-

[To be continued.]

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# BRANCH BANNERS

## XXVIII CANVEY ISLAND

Contributed by E. GILBERT LIGHT



OUR BANNER was designed for us by Fred Watts and made by Mrs. Muriel Jeffreys, a daughter of a Branch member. The lettering and design are in coloured felt laid on black by appliqué stitching.

The left-hand panel is a replica of the Dutch Cottage which dates back to 1600 and is still standing. The right-hand panel portrays the Chapman Lighthouse, which is just off the coast of Canvey Island, while above them is placed the Lamp of Maintenance.

## *'According to St. Paul'*

by SAM EVANS

THE WRITINGS of the great missionary pioneer of the early Church have been, at times, misunderstood or misrepresented as having distorted "the simple religion of Jesus and made it into a formal and systematic faith". To many he is remembered principally as the hero of three hazardous journeys and a voyage to Rome. The former view of the Apostle is quite mistaken; the latter is inadequate. He is important not only for what he did, but for what he wrote.

It is impossible not to theologise about the life and teaching of Christ, and a Christian is called to apply the mind God has given him to thinking about the meaning of Christ for his own life and the life of mankind. It is essential that His teaching should be applied to the practical situations in which we find ourselves. That is precisely what St. Paul did in writing the letters preserved for us in the New Testament.



And he did this, not as a cold, hard thinker, but as a man who had been captured by the One whose followers he had once set out to exterminate. The Apostle was an enthusiast for the Way of Jesus: he had experienced the power of Christ in himself. "Everything he says is dominated by something that once happened to him. It has all passed through the crucible of his own experience."

An excellent little book has just been published as a study-course on the New Testament Letters. The author, H. F. Mathews, is Lecturer in Religious Education at the Cheshire County Training College, Alsager. The book is written as a possible text-book for a fifth- or sixth-form course on the Pauline epistles, but will prove an excellent guide for anyone who would seek to know what were the vital truths which St. Paul taught. Each section ends with a number of questions for discussion. Toc H Branches might like to use this book as a basis for a series of study-evenings, in which members can come to grips with those writings which (according to the author) "have been one of the chief sources of our knowledge of the will of God and the 'grace of our Lord Jesus Christ'".

*\*According to St. Paul by H. F. Mathews (Epworth Press 7s. 6d.).*

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# Eyes for the Blind

An article ("Out of Obscurity") in the October JOURNAL, gave some account of the great possibilities of restoring sight to the blind offered by the operation of corneal grafting.

As evidence of the need for more people to express their willingness to bequeath their eyes for this purpose, here are figures, supplied by a large eye hospital, of the number of corneal grafting operations performed there during the last three years:

1953: 159

1954: 112

1955: 103

The drop in numbers is almost entirely due to the lack of corneae. The operations performed are described as "almost 100 per cent successful".

It needs to be remembered that a thousand bequests of eyes tomorrow would not necessarily ease the present shortage as none of the eyes so bequeathed might become available for many years. It is also clear that, for reasons of geography, etc., a high percentage of volunteer donors are unlikely to have their bequests utilised. It is none the less important that more and more men and women should *now* express their readiness to allow their eyes to be used in this way after their deaths so that lack of corneae shall not hinder the development and extension of this modern miracle.

A.G.C.

## BOOKS IN BRAILLE

For the past six years, under the title *Toc H Annual*, a yearly volume consisting mainly of articles taken from the JOURNAL has been produced in Braille for blind members and their friends. Although the standard of contents has been well maintained, the demand for copies has fallen off considerably, and this may well be due to the ever-increasing use of radio and other modern devices for breaking through the barrier of blindness.

Faced with a continual rise in production costs coupled with reduced distribution, the Literature Committee have reluctantly decided not to issue a further volume this year; but should strong evidence of a continued demand be forthcoming they would gladly review this decision. Meanwhile, the stock of previous years' volumes is being offered to Branches and individual members at 10s. 6d. per copy, which is just half the published price.

# Who's Who ON THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE

## ARTHUR GORDON BELLINGHAM

Gordon is a controversial Cornishman aged 32. Joined Toc H in 1940, and held various offices in Newquay, Plymouth, and Saltash. Solicitor in private practice, and in 1949 became the country's youngest Town Clerk at Saltash; this keeps him busy. Member of the S.W. Area Executive and Central Council since 1950, and Central Executive since 1952. Was wartime Navy's worst A.B., and then specialised in divorce in its Legal Aid Section. There he met his future wife, and later married her and Toc H. Has four young children. His Chairmanships range from Football Broadcasts to Deaf and Dumb Missions, while he is also Secretary of both The Friends of Buckland Abbey and the Plymouth Art Gallery. Hobby: being home for a free evening.



## HUBERT ARTHUR SECRETAN

Hubert was first drawn to Boys' Club work while up at Oxford and from 1919-34 he lived in Bermondsey, actively engaged in the Oxford and Bermondsey Club, subsequently becoming its President. During World War I he served at the Admiralty and Ministry of Shipping and later was a member of visiting committees of various Borstal Institutions. In 1925 he was appointed a Governor of the Borough Polytechnic and has been its Chairman since 1925. From 1927, he served for eight years as Toc H Hon. Schools Secretary and was Hon. Administrator 1935-40, Chairman of the Central Executive 1953-6 and Vice Chairman of the National



Association of Boys' Clubs since 1948. In World War II he returned to the Ministry of Shipping and was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1950, and awarded the C.B.E. in 1956. PUBLICATIONS: *Unemployment among Boys*, 1925 (with W. McG. Eagar); *London Below Bridges*, 1931; *Towards New Landfalls*, 1936; *The Road Ahead*, 1947.



# MULTUM || MUCH IN PARVO || IN LITTLE

❧ TUBBY, accompanied by KENNETH PRIDEAUX-BRUNE, will be returning to London from the United States before the end of the year.

❧ JOHN CALLF, Administrator of Toc H, leaves London on January 3 for Madras, Singapore and New Zealand, arriving in Australia on January 31 and attending the Festival in Hobart from February 9 to 17. He goes as the invited guest of Toc H in Australia and will visit each of the six States, sailing from Fremantle on April 2.

❧ THE CENTRAL COUNCIL will hold its annual meeting at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, on May 4 and 5, 1957. Notices of motions to be proposed by Councillors and their nominations of candidates to serve on the Central Executive for the ensuing year will be due by the end of February.

❧ The Rev. DAVID G. HARDING, Baptist Minister at Kington, Herefordshire, has been appointed to fill an existing vacancy among the Staff Padres of Toc H.

❧ BEDS. AND HERTS. AREA: F. E. Rogers. Hon. Area Correspondent for the last nine years, has been succeeded by F. R. Figg, 23 Avenue Grimaldi, Luton, Beds.

❧ The fifteen POWER CONFERENCES this year have been attended by fourteen hundred members.

❧ SOME GENERAL MEMBERS, both Area and Central, contribute to the Family Purse by paying their annual subscriptions by bankers' order or under a seven-year deed of covenant. They are asked to see that they receive the JOURNAL and to take an opportunity of re-assessing the amount of their voluntary contribution according to their present means.

❧ OTHER GENERAL MEMBERS can also help by taking action on this reminder and paying their subscriptions for 1957 now. The *minimum* amount is £1, including the JOURNAL, and 10s. without it. These are round figures that make for ease of payment and they are not so high as to be beyond the reach of anyone. It is confidently hoped that most General Members will realise a moral obligation to make their personal contribution one that is well above the minimum that is asked.

☞ THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT: Recordings made in Belfast at the start of the Vigil there on December 11 will be included in "Ulster Magazine" on the General Overseas Service of the B.B.C. at 12.30 and 21.30 hours on Friday, December 28 (not on Christmas Day, as announced last month).

☞ AT 9 P.M. by local time on DECEMBER 11 from Northern Ireland to the Pacific, and on DECEMBER 12 from New Zealand westward to the United Kingdom, the birthdays of Talbot House and Tubby are celebrated in the World Chain of Light. May this simple act confirm in the wills of members all round the world their unity of kinship and purpose.

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## MINISTRY of the LAITY

R. D. Paul, our Hon. Indian Commissioner, also serves on the Executive of the World Council of Churches and many members will be interested in this statement issued by them for study and comment.

THE DEPARTMENT on the Laity has been drawn by its work to consider not merely what the Church ought to be doing, but what the Church *is*. We have come to see that the *whole* Church shares Christ's ministry in the world and that the effective exercise of this ministry must largely be by church members, when they are dispersed in the life of the world. As was said in Evanston: "The real battles of faith today are being fought in factories, shops, offices, and farms, in political parties and government agencies, in countless homes, in the press, radio and television, in the relationship of nations. Very often it is said that the Church should 'go into these spheres', but the fact is that the Church *is* already in these spheres in the persons of its laity." There is nothing new in this conception—for our Lord said "Ye are the salt of the earth . . ."—but it is a truth which has been obscured over many periods of the Church's life.

The salt fulfils its function only if, after having been assembled and cleansed, it is scattered again to be dissolved. Likewise the Church lives by a process of assembling and scattering. It is brought together from all peoples, occupations and groups for worship and for other recognisable "organised activities". It is scattered as its members, and predominantly its lay members, disperse themselves in the life of the world. As salt fulfils its function only when

scattered and dissolved so an indispensable part of the ministry of the Church is exercised when the Church is in its scattered phase. This process of withdrawal and return, of being assembled and being scattered, is not accidental but essential to the Church's life.

When the Church is assembled it is then a token of the Communion of Saints, rendering praise and intercession to God on behalf of the world. Yet when the life of the Church is brought under the judgement of God's Word, we have to recognise that this judgement must fall on its *whole* life—scattered as well as assembled. One test of the life of the Church in its assembled aspect—in worship, church government and organisations—is how this part of its life contributes to the life of the scattered Church. Thus it is the task of the pastor and other professional church workers not only to be concerned with the assembled Church, but to prepare the laity for their distinctive ministry.

None of us fully understands, in our complex modern world, what this ministry of the laity really is. God reveals it to those who listen; every situation in His world can speak to us. But it is becoming clear that one of the main tasks of the Church, when it assembles its scattered members, is to listen to them speaking of their trials and difficulties, hopes and fears, opportunities and needs, and even simply about the facts of life in the world. The assembled Church cannot become a teaching church until it listens. We urgently need a Church that will teach out of the experience of listening. Certain signs of this kind of teaching are emerging: (i) a growing body of Christian teaching about work, in the light of the Gospel and of an understanding of the facts of work in our world; (ii) the adaptation of instruction on prayer and personal devotion to meet the actual conditions in which the scattered Church lives; (iii) a more serious continuous effort to discern where, in the modern world, the Church can and must, in obedience, fight for justice, mercy, freedom, and truth.

### Questions

The Evanston Report says: "The fact is that the Church is already in these spheres in the persons of its laity" (see first paragraph above). *In your experience does this fact make any difference? Has the salt lost its savour?*

*Does the teaching and preaching given in your churches provide the laity with an adequate preparation for their ministry in the world?*



To what degree do the activities of your churches prepare their members for, or divert them from, their ministry in the world?

How can the assembled Church listen to its scattered members so that its teaching may become more relevant?

What is implied for the training of pastors when we say that "it is the task of the pastors and of other professional church workers to prepare the laity for their distinctive ministry"?

Study groups and individuals are invited to send their comments to the Executive Secretary: Pastor HANS-RUEDI WEBER, 17, route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland.

## SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

by JOYCE GREEN

WHENEVER a Guest-night is planned, be it on a large or small scale, the inevitable question crops up of providing some sort of refreshment. This can range from a simple cup of tea, with biscuit or bun, through the sandwich class, to a slap-up meal. In earlier years this matter was frequently referred to members of the L.W.H. who, once knowing what was required, would undoubtedly turn up trumps with the right food and then retire quietly to the kitchen until it was time to wash the dishes.

The women's rôle in Toc H has greatly altered since those days, but even so there is still the inherent ability for producing a 'dish fit for a king', and so it is not surprising to learn that they have produced *Family Favourites*† a collection of recipes contributed by Toc H Women's Association members. This very attractive book, with a glossy 'just-wipe-over-with-a-damp-cloth' cover, contains over two hundred clearly set-out recipes, including soups, fish, meat, puddings, cakes, biscuits, bread, sauces, wines, and not least. "How to cook a husband".

If you have ever stood before your wife or mother or landlady and asked her co-operation in providing buns, or better, for next week's meeting, now is a chance to show appreciation, by a gift of this excellent book.

† *Family Favourites*, published by Toc H Women's Association. Copies obtainable from Miss Erica Trevelyan Lee, 6 Salisbury Road, Leicester. Price 3s. 9d., including postage.

MINISTRY OF THE LAITY



# FROM ALL PARTS DIRECT from AREAS



**WEST MIDLANDS**—At a recent **Coventry** Guest-night the Bishop of Coventry—once an A.D.C. to Tubby—the Right Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, said “Fundamentally the problems of the world today are not those of machinery but of human relations”. He said “If you can be the sort of people who think the best of other people until the worst is proved—and even then think the best of them—you are going a long way to build up a finer spirit in the street, the city, the country and the world”. Toc H’ers from **Leamington**, **Rugby**, and **Kenilworth** were present. **Walsall** are now taking part since their re-commencement, in the weekly distribution of library books to the patients in the General Hospital, and work amongst the old people in the town. **North Birmingham** District, as a result of the effort to send six boys for a seaside holiday a most touching letter was sent to the Area Office by one of the youngsters. **Sandwell** Branch decided that a fitting memorial to Donald Falconer, twenty years a member of their family, would be a contribution to the Holiday Scheme and £50 was raised to help defray the expenses of sending twelve boys on holiday to Jersey. **North Warwickshire** District being responsible for the remaining six. From **South Birmingham** District twenty-five boys were sent to Bournemouth where they were catered for during the week by Toc H units of **South Wessex** and **East Dorset** Districts. Most of these boys were having their first glimpse of the sea. **Kidderminster** Branch organise monthly socials for the Blind and they bring untold happiness to their sightless guests. A recent Guest-night where ‘Malaya’ was the topic, was well attended. Guest-nights have recently been held at **Broadways**, **Hereford**, **Leominster** and **Codsall** where the three local units united for the evening. The **South Staffs** District held an Indoor Garden Party at Willenhall, the proceeds going to the Family Purse.

BOB PURDY.

**BEDS. & HERTS.**—Suggestions for putting “Operation Octopus” into effect were outlined by ‘Ches’ after he had addressed an Area get-together at **Stevenage**. The local Branch were hosts for the occasion which included a varied programme, in which the central feature was a combined Service in a near-by church, where Padre Clifford Pollard of **Luton** Branch gave the address. Songs, combined with good grub and good fellowship, contributed further to a memorable day in which the final rounds of the Norman Motley Darts Competition were played off. **Biggleswade** defeated their next-door neighbours, **Sandy**, in the final, and John Hillman of **Welwyn Garden City** was presented with the Pollard Trophy for winning the Area Car Rally mentioned in last month’s news. Football commentaries, initiated three seasons ago by **Harpenden**, **Dunstable** and **Luton**, have been developed in co-operation with Round Table and will soon be extended to a second hospital as the result of a recent street collection.

FRANK R. FIGG.



An effective display at a local exhibition by the Branches in South-East Kent. *Douglas Weaver*

**KENT—Tunbridge Wells District** has organised a series of inter-Branch debates on a wide variety of subjects, some very controversial. A helpful method, this, for 'real meeting'. **Maidstone** now meet at King Street Church Schoolroom (opposite G.P.O.). Meeting-night unchanged, Monday, 8 p.m. Branches in **Medway District** have been busy with an offer of surplus timber for sawing into fire-wood for distribution to needy families. Storage space was at one time a problem but thanks to the assistance of local friends this has now been overcome. "Operation Toc-Sawyer" will bring much comfort and cheer to many people at Christmas time and during the winter.

CYRIL CATTELL.

**SOUTH WESTERN**—A flower Festival at Carew House, the old folks' home, was a recent undertaking of **Haile** group who, together with **Whitchurch** group, have now achieved Branch status. May they find the same joy and experience as **Crewkerne**, who celebrated their Twenty-fifth Birthday with a very fine evening which included a Service in the lovely old Parish Church, and later an inspiring talk by their Padre, Tom Ashton. A memorable evening! Preparations go ahead in many places for the usual Branch jobs at Christmas. To those of you engaged in making Christmas happier for our less fortunate friends may I wish you much joy in your tasks, and more happiness in your Christmas because of the joy brought to others. And may each and every one of you enjoy A Very Merry Christmas.

GILBERT FRANCIS.

**SCOTLAND**—**Cumbernauld** Branch's new rooms were dedicated by a former Branch Padre on Monday, October 8. Three new members were also initiated on this occasion. The speeches were few and to the point, the songs merry and much enjoyed by all. **Largs** have for some time been conscious that it was raining inside the room, this has now been dealt with, a new roof and new paint has made a very smart meeting place. Much hard work and cleaning made possible a house warming when Trustees, Builders and friends were present and an interesting evening enjoyed. The **Glasgow** group has got under way, some new faces are in evidence and three new boys from **Nigeria** have been made welcome. Thursday night is the meeting night, the time 8 p.m., the place 172 Buchanan Street; drop a line to **Leslie Fossey** for further details. **Renfrew** has now a group of men keen to be in on the ways of **Toc H**, and **Paisley** Branch are looking after the situation. **Blackridge**, West Lothian, is now an official group, the secretary is **Tom Bonnes**, 19 Hillside Place, **Blackridge**. Fifteen men meet in the Old Coaching Inn, given to them by a local farmer, where the top flat will find these men every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Already they have been engaged in various jobs of service and the **Toc H** Family is getting well known in the valley. A Treasurers' Conference in **Edinburgh**, attracted almost fifty per cent of Branches in Scotland, and all agreed that it was worth travelling many miles. Much valuable information and discussion took place, and a further conference was asked for Chairmen and Secretaries.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

**SUSSEX**—**Worthing** are to be congratulated for the fine work they put into organising the recent **BELRA** Exhibition. It was a great success and reflected great credit on all their efforts. A number of leper children were 'adopted' as a result. Our efforts at making a start in **Langney** (Eastbourne) are promising. If you know of any contacts in that part please send word to **Reg. C. Barkway**, 396 Seaside, Eastbourne. Many members from the Area crossed the 'frontier' into Kent to be present at the Power Conference in **Folkestone**. It was a great weekend from which much good will undoubtedly show itself in a quickened sense of purposefulness in Branch life ultimately. There was no mistaking that we had moved in for the weekend, as denoted by the many A.A. signs showing the way to "Toc H Conference".

CYRIL CATTELL.

**OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY**—Plays and shows of all kinds are put on more and more—and get more and more festive as the year goes on. **Maidenhead** Branch again gathered all the talent of the neighbourhood so that artistes could give their gifts like shepherds and wise men. Then they take the show to the **Huntercombe Place**, **Borstal**, and then **Len Scarfe** and the **Chalfonts** Branch invite them to play at the **Epileptic Colony** to a large audience, one of the most enthusiastic in the world. When **Caversham** Branch get the local amateur society to put on a play for **Toc H**, Branch members take parts in the play! At Guest-nights it has been found that short scenes linked together can put over points at least as well as the usual speaker. Now **Uxbridge** Branch is putting on a Christmas play-reading—from "The Meaning of Christmas" and "The Man Born to be King". And there is carol singing all over the Area!

OLIVER WILKINSON.



**E. LONDON**—Two hundred people—members, wives and families, friends—rolled up to the Area 'Do' at 42, Trinity Square, on 27th November. The fun included a Punch & Judy Show and a most interesting and instructive display of Judo by boys from the Central Y.M.C.A. 'Hot Dogs' were hawked around at intervals and there was even Rock 'n Roll—both edible. Some lively party games completed the programme. The "object of the operation" was simply to get together and meet people, which was certainly achieved. A combined op. by **Barking, Dagenham and Wickford** provided a day's outing for the Happy Wanderers' Club, formed by **Toc H** and the Shaftesbury Society at **Becontree**. The party consisted of twenty-seven disabled people with eighteen attendants. Tea and a concert were provided at Wickford. **S.E. Essex District** have embarked upon football commentaries from the Southend United ground to **Southend and Rochford Hospitals**. The commentators, neither of whom had done the job before, broadcast from the open and reception was described as "excellent". **Stanford-le-Hope** have started a boys' club, the first to exist there since the war.

MAYNE ELSON.



Southend District's float, portraying local Toc H activities, took part in two carnival processions.

**NORTH WESTERN**—Three unattached Branches, **Maghull, Ormskirk and Southport**, recently formed themselves into the West Lancashire District. Several Branches have strengthened themselves this autumn with new members or probationers. One of these, **Saughall**, sent out a hundred letters to men in their village, inviting them to a meeting. Only a few of the hundred turned up, but those who did have decided to come again and learn more about the Movement. **Bebington** has included in its present programme four lectures on "International Relations" by arrangement with the **W.E.A. Bromborough** have had to change their meeting place and night to: The Council Offices, Alport Lane, on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. **JIM GREEN.**



*Harrogate Advertiser*

The Rev. A. Edwards-Beswick, presenting their Lamp to Oaklands (Harrogate) Branch. (L. to r.) Paul Lowe, Chairman; Ken Walls, Pilot; Rev. A. Edwards-Beswick, now Branch Padre, and Tom Sladen, Jobmaster.

**WESTERN**—The second-hand book shop organised by **Keynsham**, mentioned in November JOURNAL, made a good start with a profit of £5 12s. 6d. on its first Saturday morning. **Bristol** Film Unit serving bedridden and housebound invalids, has started its second winter season and is now operating two 16 mm. Film Projectors, giving ten shows a week. The new Branch at **Nailsea** organised a successful Guest-night when Herbert Leggate was the Guest speaker. **Portishead** started off their Winter Programme with three talks on the Beginnings of Toc H, Toc H To-day, and Toc H Tomorrow. These have proved to be most valuable in re-establishing the essential facts of Toc H in the minds of members. **Southville** Branch are continuing their work of contacting young people in the district, and are running a series of Saturday night socials. **Gloucester** Branch have been concerned in running a Michaelmas Fayre which a local newspaper says was really about twelve fairs in one. The Fayre was sponsored by the local Branch to enable smaller organisations to increase their funds with a minimum of expense. **Swindon** District staged an original and most successful Guest-night in the form of a series of five short plays, compered by Oliver Wilkinson, on the theme "Christianity in Everyday Life". **Street** Branch again ran their most successful "Petticoat Lane" which resulted in their paying off all their debts on their new hut, and making a contribution of £50 to the Family Purse, as well as enabling them to have a balance in hand for their Christmas project.

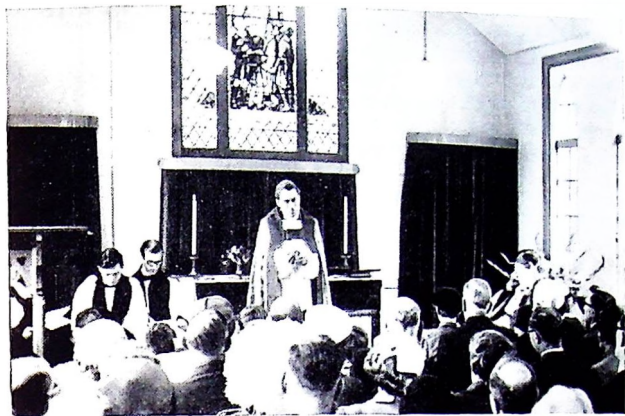
FRED BROOKER.

**W. LONDON**—The Blind Club run by **Mark II**, recently celebrated its Silver Jubilee, at which the Mayor of Westminster attended. It is planned to hold an Old Folks' Party in the New Year. **Chelsea** sponsored a concert programme entitled "Melody and Mirth" by the **London Toc H Male Voice Choir** in Fulham Town Hall, the proceeds going towards the Branch's Football Commentaries from Stamford Bridge, to the local hospitals.

MAYNE ELSON.

**SOUTHERN**—At the A.G.M. of Talbot House, Southampton, the only Club in U.K. ports for boys of the Merchant Navy, Inky Bean reported the full backing of the port's Welfare Committee for a scheme to bring the Club up to modern standards in equipment and accommodation. The first outcome of the Portsmouth local survey is the existence of what has been called a "ghost" unit—men ready to use their knowledge or skill when called upon by the Branches. Christmas jobs are looming up. Decoration of a Children's Ward will be undertaken by Marksmen at Mark V; Christchurch will do their carol singing round some of the hotels; Hartley Wintney's hand-bell ringers will be out in force; and Wimborne's male voice choir are swotting up their Christmas repertoire.

BOB KNIGHT.



*Kentish Times*

The Bishop of Woolwich dedicating the chapel in the grounds of Goldie Leigh Hospital, converted from a recreation hut by members of Belvedere (S.E. London) Branch.

**N. LONDON**—Patients at the Highlands Hospital, Winchmore Hill, can now tune in to the commentaries organised by Whittington District on Saturday afternoons from the Arsenal Football Ground. The first match they heard was the traditional clash with Tottenham Hotspurs. The Royal Northern Hospital have been receiving commentaries from Arsenal since last February. Kentish Town gave a week's holiday to twelve old people at Brighton who, on their return, were entertained to lunch. During the meal the Mayor of St. Pancras was presented with an outsize stick of Brighton Rock, which he solemnly declared he would use as a coat-hanger! The holiday party consisted of ten women—and two men who said they hadn't had a minute's rest the whole time! Muswell Hill are busy organising their annual presentation of Christmas parcels to the old folks. Twelve car-loads of members with their families and friends took part in a treasure-hunt run by Mill Hill recently.

MAYNE ELSON.

# *The Elder Brethren*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them*

BEARDSWORTH.—On September 29, DAVID BEARDSWORTH, aged 56, a member of South Shore Branch (Blackpool). Elected 8.5.'33.

BIDDULPH.—Suddenly on October 25, RALPH BIDDULPH, aged 53, a member of Bilston Branch, West Midlands Area Executive and a Central Councillor. Elected 6.7.'32.

BUTLER.—On September 16, THOMAS BUTLER, aged 79, a member of Radlett Branch. Elected 1.9.'27.

CULLEN.—On October 27, the Rev. DAVID GILBERT CULLEN, aged 41, a member of Canvey Island Branch. Elected 7.10.'53.

CURTIS.—On October 17, HARRY CURTIS, aged 70, a member of East Grinstead Branch. Elected 22.11.'48.

DRAKE.—On October 11, Major FRED. V. DRAKE, M.C., aged 68, a member of Tower Hill Branch and a Deputy Churchwarden of All Hallows. Elected 5.6.'31.

FITZGERALD.—On October 19, EDWARD JAMES FITZGERALD, aged 43, a member of Ilford Branch. Elected 28.5.'30.

FRENCH.—On October 14, ARTHUR H. FRENCH, aged 57, a member of Charleroi Branch, Belgium. Elected 1.2.'33.

HAGGIS.—On October 12, BERNARD HAGGIS, a member of Surrey Area General Members Branch. Elected 28.5.'30.

HASTINGS.—On September 20, THOMAS CHARLES HASTINGS, aged 74, a member of Hunstanton Branch. Elected 17.10.'39.

JENKINS.—On September 30, GEORGE WYBAR JENKINS, ('Cappy'), aged 65, a member of Bedford Branch. Elected 25.10.'46.

JONES.—On September 14, the Rev. EVAN EBENEZER THOMAS JONES ('Ianto'), aged 44, a founder member of Llanelly Branch. Elected 9.4.'52.

MERRITT.—On October 27, at Deal, the Rev. Prebendary EDMUND DOUGLAS MERRITT, aged 77, a member of Kent Area General Members Branch. Elected 18.5.'25.

NICHOLLS.—On October 2, EDWARD JOHN NICHOLLS, aged 61, a founder member of Wolverhampton Branch. Elected 1.8.'25.

RING.—On May 29, STANLEY RING, aged 66, a founder member of Carisbrooke Branch. Elected 13.11.'35.

WALKER.—On September 26, WILLIAM WALKER, aged 66, a member of Norton Branch. Elected 1.2.'39.

WILLIAMS.—On September 22, BERNICE SPURGEON WILLIAMS, aged 63, a member of Stroud Branch. Elected 4.10.'51.

WOOD.—On September 26, HAROLD WOOD, aged 45, a member of Paddock Branch. Elected 7.4.'52.



### ***In Memoriam : Ralph Biddulph***

The news of Ralph's sudden death at the early age of fifty-three came as a profound shock to all of us in the West Midlands Area, and to many others further afield who knew and loved him. A founder-member of Bilston Branch, he was its Pilot and had also served on the Area Executive and the Central Council and was a former member of the Central Executive.

A gifted speaker, he never failed to introduce a note of humour into any talk or discussion, and a rugged Christian outlook coupled with high good humour permeated his whole life. It did one good to see Ralph with the six youngsters he and his wife had adopted and to witness the love they shared. His journey through life has been a pattern and inspiration to all who knew him and no better description of him could be given than that of his minister, the Rev. C. J. Steley, who said, "You could tell the type of man he was by the way he walked—upright and with a purpose". H.W.

### **Concerning the Birthdays of Talbot House and Tubby on Tue.-Wed., December 11-12:**

*In reply to enquiries:* A VIGIL is being held by the Northern Ireland Branches in Belfast from 9 p.m. on December 11 to 9 p.m. on December 12. *Other Branches are invited to do so for short or long periods.*

In any event THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT is being observed around 9 p.m. by local time on Wednesday, December 12, by Branches in the United Kingdom.

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## **The World Chain of Light, 1956**

# Adventures in Friendship

by W. GWYNN-JONES

General Secretary, The International Church Fellowship.

**T**OWARDS A FRIENDLY WORLD" was the title of a programme recently broadcast by the International Church Fellowship, and it began by reminding viewers of the unfriendliness in the world due to numerous barriers and bars (not only the "colour" variety) and gulfs and curtains (not only those made of "iron" and "bamboo"). Similar obstacles to friendship have been in existence for a long time, in varying form and degree. The Early Church was tested by the need to bridge the barriers that divided men, and, being certain it could meet the challenge, the Apostle Paul declared: "There is now neither Jew nor Gentile, bond nor free, male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus".

## Ordinary people

Many people regard present world problems as too great for the ordinary person to assist in solving them; and, apart from attending public meetings and passing resolutions, they are content to leave the creation of a friendly world to councillors and members of Parliament. When you consider the size of the world's population you may be inclined to regard the efforts of individuals towards world friendship as a mere drop in the ocean. But is it not true that all great movements, local and world-wide, stand or fall according to the character of the individual members supporting them? A new world order must be built on the foundation of right personal relationships. The I.Ch.F. believes that individuals can do a great deal towards a friendly world, and when there are sufficient of them they can influence the decisions of statesmen and even change the course of world affairs. If sufficient persons made friends with people in another country those two countries would not go to war; if the inhabitants of our land took the opportunity of making friends with the overseas visitors living in our midst we shall have gone a long way towards making a friendly world.

The activities of the I.Ch.F. bring together individuals of all nations, and encourage understanding and friendship between them. Its "friendship" holidays abroad provide not only the usual pleasures and benefits of a tour in other

countries, but also, through specially planned contacts, give the opportunity of meeting people, learning about their way of life and making friends with them, and these holiday friendships are maintained by correspondence and subsequent exchange holidays. In this country the I.Ch.F. organises church services, discussion groups, social evenings, country rambles and week-end conferences for members of all countries. In many parts of Great Britain there are "Septets", the name given to seven persons interested in the aims and work of the International Church Fellowship. They meet socially and informally in one another's homes and invite two or more overseas friends to join them. Later, a number of "Septets" unite to form a Branch.

### Friendship basis

Bringing people together in friendly gatherings and holiday parties is not enough. If the friendship is to be lasting and to contribute to world peace and world service then it must rest on a deep foundation—on the religion that is able to make "all one in Christ Jesus". That is why the I.Ch.F. fosters *Christian* friendship and co-operates with churches of all denominations. Under its auspices men and women of different customs and ideas begin their adventures in friendship on the basis of a common Faith.

It is not essential to go to Europe, Asia or Africa to get to know people from these continents, for very many of them are temporary visitors in our towns, and the I.Ch.F. is glad to arrange for one or more of them to visit your home for a meal or a week-end. They appreciate and value such hospitality, and, besides showing friendship to strangers who are lonely in a foreign land, you would know the rewarding joy and widening experience that result from meeting people from other lands, near and far.

Like Toc H, the I.Ch.F. began in World War I. During the Occupation period, men who had recently been killing Germans went to live with German families. After the first strain and strangeness had passed off, we discovered that our "enemies" are just like ourselves, with similar feelings and fears, thoughts and ideals. Some of us determined then that after demobilisation we would use every opportunity of bringing together people of different nations, and that a start would be made by taking groups abroad in holiday time, not merely to "see the world", as the army had promised us, but also to meet so-called strangers and foreigners and even our

late-enemies, and by visiting their homes and possibly living with them we would get to know them and become friends.

The outbreak of World War II proved that sufficient personal friendships had not been formed between England and Germany. Today, in many directions, and by many organisations, efforts at friendship-making have been renewed, under a sense of urgency in a nuclear age. The I.Ch.F. is using the growing interest in holidays abroad for "making a friendly world through friendly travel", and combining this activity with international meetings of all kinds in this country. If you would like to know more about its activities, please write direct to the General Secretary, I.Ch.F., 11 Donnington Road, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

## A TRIPLE EVENT

by GORDON BROWN

RON was a Toc H 'willing horse'. Consequently, he found himself not only well involved in the Movement at various levels but in a variety of local affairs as well as church activities. In what was left of his so-called 'spare time', Ron gave attention to his bachelor flat and Betty, blonde and beautiful, from the next town. Small wonder that one evening, after having found himself on yet another committee, Ron returned to his flat, put his head in his hands, and groaned at the prospect before him. "Wish I were triplets—then I *might* be able to cope" he mused.

It so happened that his fairy godmother was passing and decided to grant the wish. So a minute later there came a knock at the flat door and Ron opened it to find himself confronted by himself in duplicate. "Please, we've come to give you a hand," said the Ron on the left. "Er - er - come in then." And so began the strangest meeting. Many things had to be settled, of course, but eventually it was agreed that Ron II should look after church affairs, whilst Ron III should dabble in local matters and run the flat, leaving Ron himself to concentrate on Toc H and, naturally perhaps, his girl friend.

Soon Ron became a well-known figure in the locality. Never had one man attended so many District Teams, Branch meetings, whist drives, committees of all sorts, anniversaries,



old people's outings and dances. Whether it was a foundation stone being laid, a collection being organised or a Toc H Guest-night planned, Ron (as far as the outside world was concerned) was bound to be there. For the first month or so it was an enjoyable existence, but soon Ron began to realise that his doubles were not only like him in appearance, they were like him temperamentally. They were, in fact, willing horses too!

Soon the mail arriving at the flat each morning reached amazing proportions with invitations, circulars, agendas and minutes from far and wide. Ron III embroiled himself in the town's welfare work and announced his intention of standing at the next local elections, whilst Ron II not only took over a Scout Troop but seemed bent on entering the Ministry as well. And all this meant that Ron had to learn more and more about more and more, because strangers were always stopping him in the street and asking his views on matters spiritual or temporal, and a potential councillor or minister could hardly answer: "Well, yes - er, um, yes - well, I suppose so." Also he was somewhat concerned to find an increasing number of girls who apparently not only knew him well but wanted to know him better still. Ron II and Ron III certainly seemed to be adding to their interests daily.

Matters came to a head one evening when Ron met a somewhat enraged Betty in the Market Place. "Who was that girl I saw you with last night?" she demanded. Ron murmured that it had been an old friend. "Well, you can keep her and your precious Toc H and church and all the rest" and off she went. Ron returned sadly to his flat to find yet another strange female outside. "What on earth do you want?" he said, by now expecting anything. "Oh, I'm your fairy godmother—may I come in and have a chat?" And chat they did.

"You've made rather a mess of things, haven't you?" she said. "Yes, I suppose so." "Why on earth didn't you ask Betty to give you a hand instead of wishing you were triplets? She'd love to help you and she'd make you a good wife. Why not explain the whole thing to her—and please don't take too much on yourself". "Yes I will," agreed Ron, "but what about the other Rons?" "I'll see that they don't come back," said the fairy godmother as she disappeared.

Well, Ron did explain matters and found Betty a greater help than he had ever dreamt possible. At first they both

nearly contracted writers' cramp turning down all sorts of invitations, but eventually life returned to normal and Ron found that he was beginning to really enjoy his service by just concentrating on one or two things. Came the day of their wedding, when the church was filled to capacity with friends to wish the couple every blessing; but one or two who sat near the front remarked that it was rather peculiar that when Ron said "I will" two disembodied voices added "hear, hear".

## FAIR CRY NOTES AND NEWS FROM DISTANT PARTS

*Contributed by* GEOFF MARTIN

### WHO GOES WHERE ?

IN SEPTEMBER the Seven Kings Branch, in East (English, not South African) London, had a session on Charles Falconer's letter in the September JOURNAL entitled "Wake up England". They have said, in effect, "Why not publish a monthly list of members known to be leaving this country? This sort of personal column would be quite interesting and well worth the space."

I think there is a good deal in the idea. Anyhow, we will try it. There are bound to be a lot of omissions, particularly in the first notice. Can you spot any? If so, please send a card giving details. The card might be headed "This month's deliberate oversight". A small monthly prize might be given for the greatest number of omissions reported. Alternatively, a smaller prize might be given for the least number of omissions reported before the 1st of the month.

### DEPARTURES

Mrs. DODSWORTH and sons (Middlesbrough) to N'Dola, Northern Rhodesia, to join her husband, BOB.

D. C. A. HEATHERSHAW and family (Weston-super-Mare), to Brisbane.

Rev. KONRAD REECE (Sunderland) to Cape Town.

Rev. H. H. E. PEACOCK, also to Cape Town.

DEREK THOMASZ (Brothers' House) to Singapore.

BILLY MEIHZEN, returning to Cape Town.

Sir GILES SQUIRE, to Bulawayo.

## ARRIVALS

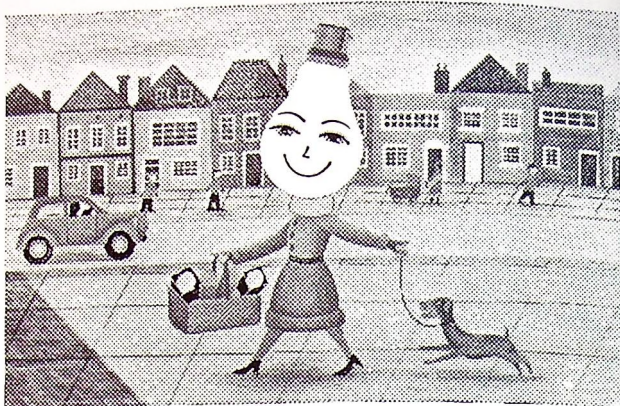
The Rev. and Mrs. I. SOMASUNDARAM, from Coimbatore.  
DESMOND MANNING from Cape Town.  
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ERIC ADEGBOYEGA  
THOMAS A. GLOVER  
E. I. O. DE SOUZA  
G. A. LUND, from Bulawayo.  
SYLVESTER MUKASA, from Kampala.

} from Lagos



## POSTSCRIPT

In the November JOURNAL appears an account of the Toc H development in Uganda, supported by photographs. In the article mention was made of Aggrey Willis, whose arrival in Uganda helped considerably to set the ball rolling. He is a shy sort of person, and in the past we have often tried to get a photograph of him, but without much success. Now, at last, we are able to show him standing by the Toc H van.



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# 16mm. FILMS

by E. MITCHELL GREENWOOD.

In this second article, the Film Officer for I.C.L., offers some valuable advice to hirers and users.

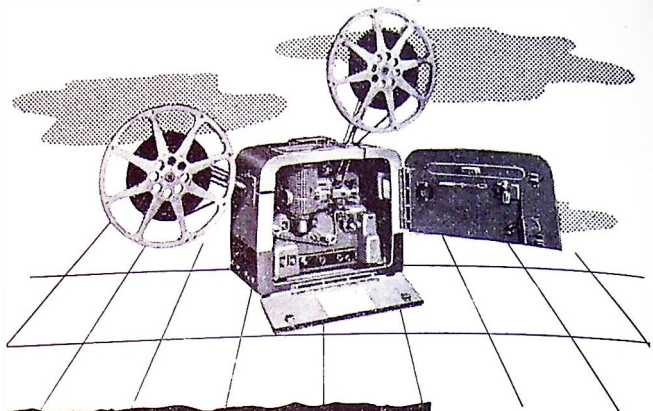
AS FAR BACK as 1896 there took place the first public showing of a moving picture in the United Kingdom. This was indeed a momentous event for it changed the social habits of the nation and was also the first step in the creation of what is today, one of Britain's major industries. Now, sixty years later, the *weekly* attendance in our cinemas is round about the staggering total of 23 *millions*. This progression has been marked by several milestones, the most notable being the advent of sound on film. Another was the introduction of 16 mm. film in 1924. Although there were many instances of 35 mm. exhibition in places outside the commercial cinemas, the fire hazard, together with the bulk and weight of the apparatus prevented any considerable usage of this kind.

16 mm., however, changed all that and now the story is quite different. Originally intended for amateur use, 16 mm. had an overwhelming advantage over its elder brother, being non-inflammable.\* Moreover, owing to the development of 16 mm. for propaganda, instructional and other purposes during the war there arose a peace-time demand for similar films and so today there are thousands of 16 mm. films, dealing with almost every subject one can imagine.

## Sponsored films

Most Toc H users of films will be primarily interested in sponsored films, usually distributed on a free-of-charge basis, and although for space consideration it is not possible to give a list of all who supply such films, consultation of a journal such as the "Film User" will give much information on this point. The availability of films is a matter of some concern to all programme secretaries and it is indeed stressing the obvious to say that libraries should be given as much notice as possible. However, there are occasions when the notice given has to be short, in such cases alternative titles should be indicated (don't leave the choice to the librarian, he cannot be sure of which films you have already seen). This advice

\*Since June 1951 all 35 mm. film has been made on safety base.



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is given if the show must be given on a definite date. Alternatively, if the required film is a 'must' then it might help if alternative dates were supplied.

A careful projectionist will not fail to occasionally feel the film between finger and thumb as it passes from the projector to the take up reel. Any sprocket damage will be evident by a feeling of roughness. A hasty transference of the finger and thumb to the film before it is fed to the projector should be made. If no roughness is felt then clearly the damage is



*Sevenoaks Chronicle*

The Film Unit belonging to Sevenoaks Branch goes into action for the first time with a programme for the old folk at Kippington Grange.

being done in the projector, and you should *stop the show* immediately and trace the cause. Everybody, whether projectionist or audience, must be prepared to accept this inconvenience, rather than risk the possibility of a ruined film.

Of course, everyone wishes any enforced stop to be kept to an absolute minimum, and in this connection I can offer a useful tip for use when a film splice comes apart. This is to keep two or three small pieces of surgical or similar adhesive tape on the projector case so that the two parted ends can be joined immediately without experiencing either the loss of time or scenes occasioned when trying to induce take-up on a spool already holding film. I need hardly say that this tape

is only to be used after the film has been through the projector. Broken splices discovered before projection must be properly remade.

One final word to both the organisers and projectionists. This is to stress the vital importance of time for preparation. The hall should be available at least an hour before the audience enters and the projectionist should take advantage of this. The writer has personally known of an instance where the projectionist arrived to find that the hall was illuminated by gaslight. Having sufficient time, extra cable was borrowed from an electrician and connected through a window to an outside electricity supply. This may be unlikely to happen in your case but there are plenty of other gremlins which can only be combated by a sufficiency of time.

## TWO NEW FILMS

MEMBERS concerned with the running of mobile Film Units, will be glad to know about two new colour films that have just been released by the Unilever Film Library. At first blush, it might seem unlikely that the preservation of foods by quick freezing would lend itself to film treatment; but in



Carrying palm fruit from  
"The Oil Rivers".

*Quick Freeze* the producer has been most successful in presenting the subject in a highly interesting way.

The second film, *The Oil Rivers*, tells of the harvesting of the palm fruit in Nigeria and shows how this is being developed by modern methods without disrupting much that is valuable in the traditional village way-of-life. Some of the river shots are especially attractive and the film will hold the interest of both youngsters and more sophisticated audiences.

These films are now available on loan, free of charge, to educational authorities, clubs and societies, including Toc H Branches and can be obtained direct from: Unilever Film Library, Unilever Ltd., Blackfriars, London, E.C.4.





# OPEN HUSTINGS

*The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H. For reasons of space the right is reserved to shorten letters submitted, and every effort is made to print a representative selection from those received.*

## Sing Noel!

THE SEASON for carol singing is now upon us. Is it too much to hope that an occasional Branch, leaving its collecting tins at home, will sing carols for the sheer joy of proclaiming the Christmas Story to any who will listen?

STAN PIGNON.

*Beckenham, Kent.*

## Loneliness

DURING a recent Power Conference, some emphasis was laid on 'Loneliness', especially with regard to aged folk and young people. I would like to draw attention to the fact that a number of Branches must be comparatively near to Children's Homes and Orphanages, such as Dr. Barnardo's Homes, National Children's Homes, etc., and whilst not unmindful of the good work already being done by units towards such Homes, it could be specially borne in mind that, when the children leave the Home to work, perhaps in some strange neighbourhood, after ascertaining that they are willing to be contacted, their name and address is forwarded through the normal channel to the nearest Branch thereby enabling the fellowship to be continued. I know that some of the lads look forward to making new friends to help them in their loneliness and it is hoped that Branches

will keep them in mind, irrespective of whether they eventually take an active interest in Toc H.

J. E. MORLEY.

*St. Leonards-on-Sea.*

## Change in Format?

REGARDING the suggestion to re-style the JOURNAL, no thank you, Dr. Hardacre! The JOURNAL is a magazine not a news-sheet. I regret the increased price, but it would be no victory for Toc H were we to lower the price by bringing down its readability to the very unreadable format of an Income Tax information pamphlet.

GEORGE A. H. GRIFFITH.

*Toc H Wednesday Lunch Club,  
Drury Lane, W.C.2.*

## Proxy Initiation

ON Friday October 5, Frank Bass, our Chairman, together with Jim Williamson and myself went to Orpington Hospital where at the request of Grouville Branch in Jersey, they initiated William Davies into membership of Toc H. Bill is here to have a leg operation which at present appears to have been successful. I don't know whether this is a unique occasion but Grouville's request was certainly a wonderful idea, which we found very satisfying to carry through.

LAWRENCE BRETT.

*Orpington Branch, Kent.*

## Male Voice Choir

THE London Toc H Male Voice Choir has recently received several requests to appear, at short notice, at Branch and District events. To avoid fruitless correspondence, would organisers wishing to call on the services of the M.V.C. please give at least eight to nine months notice? The Choir is at all times very heavily committed and cannot possibly undertake engagements at short notice.

(N.B. New members can always be sure of a warm and friendly welcome any Monday evening at 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.)

S. J. NEILLY.

East Barnet, Herts.

## Junior Toc H?

I WONDER if anyone has ever had the idea of a junior Toc H? It works in Church circles, such as the Christian Endeavour, but maybe some of our older be-whiskered members could not share the fellowship with younger people. I have a reason for writing this, and hope it may meet with a reply, either critical or sympathetic.

We have a lad who comes regularly to our meetings (gets tucked into his homework in order to attend) because he feels that he has a contribution to make. He is fifteen and is learning the ways of Toc H before being old enough to become a member. In the course of a business bout our membership was referred to, this is what he said: "Toc H is dying, isn't it? It must be because you have not the younger men following on." Now, wouldn't you blokes sit up and take notice?

L. GILES.

Cheriton Branch,  
Folkestone, Kent.

## Earl Haig

THE ACCOUNT of the service at St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres, in the October JOURNAL states that it was the thirtieth anniversary of Earl Haig taking command of the B.E.F. This is incorrect, as the late Field Marshal became G.O.C., British Armies in France, at noon on December 19, 1915.

BILL LINAKER.

Southport, Lancs.

[Sorry about this; as a one-time member of the B.E.F. we should have known better.—ED.]

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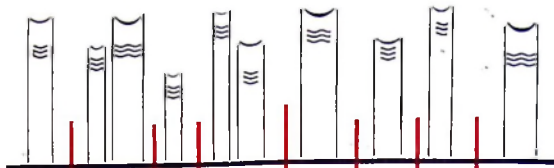
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